



2014 Temporary / Seasonal Positions Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands



The Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands will soon be filling Numerous Temporary Positions, with duty locations of Chadron NE, Halsey NE, Fort Pierre, SD, Hot Springs SD, and Wall SD. This notification is being circulated to inform prospective and interested applicants of potential upcoming opportunities.

This is a pre-announcement outreach notice. Vacancy announcement numbers for these positions should be available in late January, 2014. At that time they may be obtained by;

- Completing the enclosed outreach response form and we will e-mail the vacancy announcement to you when available.
- You can periodically check the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska>. We will post vacancy announcements in the Spotlight Section at the bottom of the Home Page when available.
- You can subscribe to the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands Twitter Site at <http://www.twitter.com/usfsnebraska>. You will be automatically notified when the announcements are posted.
- Visit or contact one of our District Offices

Please refer to the information listed below for job opportunities on the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands. If you have specific questions or would like more information on an individual position please contact the individual listed for that position.

How Much Money Can I Make?

Grade	Hourly Wage	Overtime Wage
3	11.95	17.93
4	13.41	20.12
5	15.00	22.50

* In addition there is limited amount of Government housing available at Halsey NE, Fall River SD, and Wall SD.

Non-Fire Position Descriptions

Archeological Aid and Technician (GS-0102-4/5)

Primary duties include archaeological survey, site documentation, and site monitoring. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 40 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, and may be asked to drive UTV's, 4X4 trucks.

Park Ranger - Visitor Information (GS-0025-4/5)

This is a visitor information services position. Employee must demonstrate ability to communicate with the public to disseminate information about the Hudson-Meng Bison Kill site. Must perform research and prepare presentations on various cultural topics.

Visitor Information Assistant (GS-1001-4)

This is a visitor services position. Employee must demonstrate ability to communicate with the public to disseminate information about National Forest Programs. Individual greets customers, answers the phone, and assists office personnel with computer tasks, filing, and cleaning of facilities. The incumbent will also serve as collection officer for the District. Other duties involve may involve performing data entry and typing tasks as needed, as well as preparing and processing correspondence, reports, and, hard-copy and electronic filing, and mailing and shipping tasks.

Biological Science Aid (GS-0404-3)

Assists technical or professional personnel in performing various routine field tests employing standard biological techniques. Independently does routine, repetitive tasks on experiments or tests. Performs a variety of simple and routine tasks. Receives training and assists in experiments that are more complex. Field work is required.

Range Aid/Technician (GS-0455-3/4/5)

The primary duties associated with this position include the inventory and treatment of noxious weeds, construction of range improvement structures (fences, water developments) and assisting with vegetation surveys. The types of tools used to complete these tasks include: maps, GPS units, cameras, weather meters, hand tools, power tools, chainsaws, backpack spray units, ATV's, UTV's, 4X4 trucks and trailers.

Forestry Aid/Technician non-Fire (GS-0462-3/4)

Performs the full range of standardized forestry support duties for fire, timber, silviculture, recreation, wilderness, or research activities. Assists in one or more of the following duties: cruising timber by following specific instructions on taking and recording simple measurements and running compass lines in the field using compass and chain; noting compliance with rules and regulations on parking, campfire, sanitation, use of picnic sites, or hunting and fishing; maintaining and cleaning up recreation/wilderness areas; performing standard fire prevention, dispatch, or lookout duties; or performing various standard duties related to silviculture activities.

Engineering Aid (GS-0802-3/4)

Primary duties include completion of routine inspections, acceptance of workmanship, compilation and drafting of inspection reports. Assists with road inventories, mapping, signing, traffic counts, or other work related to the maintenance of roads, trails, facilities, and other structures. Observes obvious deviations in data and checks to ascertain the apparent cause. Develops sketches, drawings, and/or work requests for engineering operations under the supervision of a senior technician or engineer. Candidates must be able to conduct fieldwork for long hours in rugged terrain in often remote areas during inclement weather and be able to carry equipment and supplies weighing up to 40 lbs. Equipment use will include topographic maps, GPS units, cameras, compass, surveying equipment, and may be asked to operate ATVs/UTVs and 4x4 trucks.



FIRE RELATED POSITIONS

NOTE: Successfully complete the WORK CAPACITY TEST (WCT) for Wildland Firefighters. Based on the type of work performed, TAKING and PASSING the WCT at the ARDUOUS level is a “condition of employment.” The Arduous fitness (Pack) Test consists of a three (3) mile hike, within forty-five (45) minutes, while carrying a forty-five (45) pound pack

Forestry Aid - Fire (GS-0462-3)

These positions are part of a wildland fire crew, performing firefighting work on an engine or hand crew. Assignments include developing a working knowledge of fire suppression and fuels management techniques, practices and terminology. This consists of fireline construction, use of pumps and engines, hose lays, hand tools, chainsaws, working around aircraft, and patrolling fireline to locate and extinguish hotspots that may be a threat. Cleans and maintains fire tools and equipment. During prescribed burns, monitors and controls the fire, and collects data on fire weather and fire behavior. There may be frequent travel associated with these positions.

Forestry Technician – Engine (GS-0462-3/4/5)

Serves as a skilled crewmember on a wildland fire engine. Personally performs and may direct others in starting pump engine, priming pump, adjusting engine speed and pump valves, laying hose, and using appropriate nozzles and nozzle adjustment in effective use of water and additives. Responsible for positioning the fire engine or apparatus for safe and efficient operation. Performs engine operation duties in the suppression of wildland fires and prescribe fire. Drives engine to fire locations in consideration of safety of crew and equipment, and how the equipment can be best used in control and mop-up operations, wildland fires and prescribe fire.



Anticipated Positions Available:

Position Title and Series	Grade	Tenure	Duty Location	# of Positions	Contact Person	Phone	e-mail
FORESTRY TECH (RECREATION) GS-0462	5	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (RECREATION) GS-0462	4	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY AID (GEN) GS-0462	3	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	3	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY AID (FIRE) GS-0462	3	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	3	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
RANGE TECH GS-0455	5	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	2	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
RANGE TECH GS-0455	4	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
RANGE TECH GS-0455	3	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	2	Deb Evans	308-432-0381	djevans@fs.fed.us
PARK RANGER GS-0025	5	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Dennis Kuhnel	308-432-0333	dkuhnel@fs.fed.us
PARK RANGER GS-0025	4	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	3	Dennis Kuhnel	308-432-0333	dkuhnel@fs.fed.us
ARCHEOLOGICAL TECH GS-0102	5	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Dennis Kuhnel	308-432-0333	dkuhnel@fs.fed.us
ARCHEOLOGICAL AID GS-0102	3	TEMP	CHADRON-NE	1	Dennis Kuhnel	308-432-0333	dkuhnel@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) GS-0462	4	TEMP	FALL RIVER-SD	2	Matt Tschacher	605-745-8206	mtsachacher@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) GS-0462	4	TEMP	FORT PIERRE-SD	2	Ryan Cumbow	605-224-5517	rcumbow@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) GS-0462	4	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	2	Loren Eaton	308-533-8107	lbeaton@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (RECREATION) GS-0462	4	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	2	Robert Fetters	308-533-8114	rdfetters@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY AID (GEN) GS-0462	3	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	1	Robert Fetters	308-533-8114	rdfetters@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY AID (FIRE) GS-0462	3	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	1	Loren Eaton	308-533-8107	lbeaton@fs.fed.us
RANGE TECH GS-0455	4	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	2	Jessie Warner	308-533-8111	jwarner@fs.fed.us
BIOLOGICAL SCI TECH (NAT RES) GS-0404	5	TEMP	HALSEY-NE	1	Tim Buskirk	308-533-8115	tbuskirk@fs.fed.us
BIOLOGICAL SCI TECH (PLANTS) GS-0404	4	On-Call TEMP	HALSEY-NE	4	Rich Gilbert	308-533-2257 x8117	regilbert@fs.fed.us
BIOLOGICAL AID GS-0404-03	3	On-Call TEMP	HALSEY-NE	4	Rich Gilbert	308-533-2257 x8117	regilbert@fs.fed.us
BIOLOGICAL SCI TECH (WILDLIFE) GS-0404	4	TEMP	WALL-SD	2	Randall Griebel	605-279-2125	rgriebel@fs.fed.us
RANGE TECH GS-0455	4	TEMP	WALL-SD	2	Teresa Harris	605-279-2125	tyharris@fs.fed.us
VISITOR INFORMATION ASST GS-1001	4	TEMP	WALL-SD	3	Nadia Eisenbraun	605-279-2125	nmeisenbraun@fs.fed.us
VISITOR INFORMATION ASST GS-1001	4	TEMP	WALL-SD	1	Nadia Eisenbraun	605-279-2125	nmeisenbraun@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY TECH (ENGINE) GS-0462	4	TEMP	WALL-SD	1	Cory Richardson	605-279-2125 X 212	coryrichardson@fs.fed.us
FORESTRY AID (FIRE) GS-0462	3	TEMP	WALL-SD	1	Cory Richardson	605-279-2125X 212	coryrichardson@fs.fed.us

About the Forests and Grasslands

Quick Facts:

- Responsible for the management and sustainability of the Bessey Nursery the Nation's oldest Federal Nursery and listed on the National Register of Historic Places.
- Home to the largest hand-planted forest in the western hemisphere second only to Johannesburg South Africa.
- Internationally known Hudson-Meng Bison Kill Research and Visitor Center encompasses the largest extinct bison bonebed in the world; and Toadstool Geological Park and the National Grasslands Visitor Center
- A diverse wildlife program with numerous partnership agreements for habitat improvement that support species like the Black Footed Ferret, Burrowing Owl, and Black Tailed Prairie Dog.
- Significant populations of huntable and viewable wildlife such as wild turkey, mule and white-tailed deer, and elk
- An aggressive forest and grassland health program, with wild land/urban interface.
- Soldier Creek Wilderness, two proposed Grasslands Wilderness Areas and Pine Ridge National Recreation Area
- Developed campgrounds and over 100 miles of hiking trails
- Over 300 grazing allotments, 60 direct permittees, and seven grazing associations

The Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands encompasses over 1.1 million acres of land in both Nebraska and South Dakota and encompasses five Ranger Districts and one Nursery. The Pine Ridge Ranger District includes the Nebraska National Forest and Oglala National Grassland in the northwest corner of Nebraska. The Bessey Ranger District includes a portion of the Nebraska National Forest in west-central Nebraska and the McKelvie National Forest in north-central Nebraska. The Bessey Nursery is co-located with the Bessey Ranger District at Halsey, Nebraska. The Fall River Ranger District and Wall Ranger District share management of the Buffalo Gap National Grassland across southwestern South Dakota. The Ft. Pierre National Grassland is managed by the Ft. Pierre Ranger District and is situated in south-central South Dakota.

The Nebraska units have approximately 75 permanent employees and several term, seasonal, and temporary employees. The Supervisor's Office is staffed with approximately 35 employees and is co-located with the Pine Ridge Ranger District. The Pine Ridge Job Corps Center is located 10 miles south of Chadron, Nebraska and is a close partner with the Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands.

More information regarding the Forest is available through the internet at:

www.fs.fed.us/r2/nebraska

ABOUT THE COMMUNITIES:

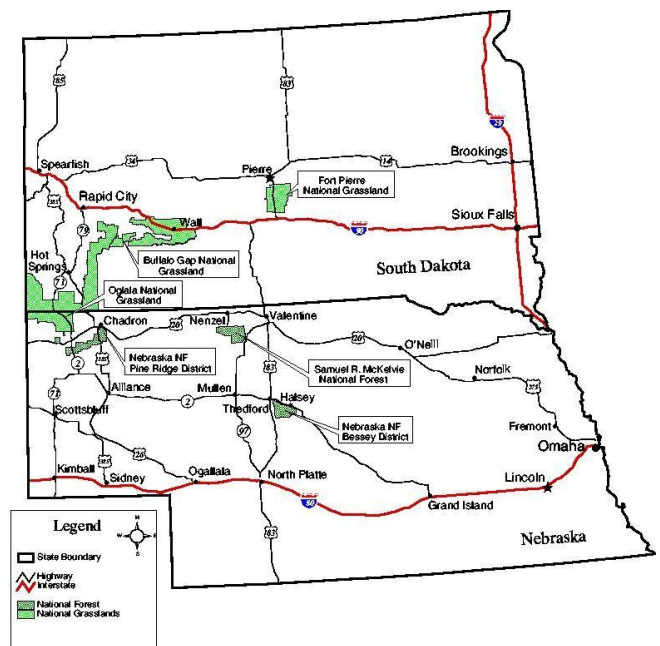
Chadron, NE - [Chadron Chamber of Commerce](#)

Halsey, NE – [Halsey Community Information](#)

Fort Pierre, SD – [Fort Pierre Chamber of Commerce](#)

Hot Springs, SD – [Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce](#)

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Outreach Documentation

Nebraska National Forests and Grasslands
USDA Forest Service, Region 2 - Rocky Mountain Region
***Please respond to the Contact Person Listed
For each position you are interested in.***

NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

AGENCY EMPLOYED WITH: _____ USFS _____ BLM _____ OTHER _____

TYPE OF APPOINTMENT: _____ PERMANENT _____ TEMPORARY _____ TERM

_____ VRA _____ PWD _____ OTHER

CURRENT REGION/FOREST/DISTRICT: _____

CURRENT SERIES AND GRADE IF APPLICABLE: _____

CURRENT POSITION TITLE: _____

WHERE DID YOU HEAR ABOUT VACANCY/OUTREACH? _____

IF NOT A CURRENT PERMANENT (CAREER OR CAREER CONDITIONAL) EMPLOYEE

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE TO BE HIRED UNDER ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL

AUTHORITIES:

_____ PERSON WITH DISABILITIES

_____ VETERANS READJUSTMENT

_____ DISABLED VETERANS W/30% COMPENSABLE DISABILITY

_____ VETERANS EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 1998

_____ FORMER PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

_____ STUDENT CAREER EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

_____ OTHER _____

Submission of this response form is voluntary. Thanks you for your interest.